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In re Patent Application of:  
Gunter Gurich et al.

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Art Unit: 2862

For: SENSOR ARRAY FOR DETECTING THE  
MOVEMENT OF A POSITIONING ELEMENT  
MOVED BACK AND FORTH USING AN  
ACTUATOR

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Examiner: Reena Aurora

**DECLARATION OF HERMANN-JOSEF LAUMEN UNDER 37 CFR §1.131**

I, Hermann-Josef Laumen, declare as follows:

1. I am a co-inventor of the invention disclosed in the above-identified application for patent.

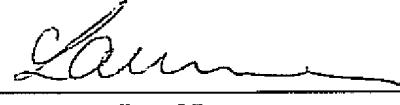
2. I have reviewed and am familiar with U.S. Patent No. 7,053,604 entitled "Sensor Detecting Movement of a Control Element Moved by an Actuator" filed on February 28, 2005 and issued on May 30, 2006. This patent was filed, prosecuted and issued on my behalf.

3. I understand that claims 16-30 of the above-referenced application have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,053,604.

4. I state that any invention disclosed but not claimed in U.S. Patent No. 7,053,604 was derived by myself and is thus not the invention "by another".

5. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. These statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or

imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

  
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Hermann-Josef Laumen

Date: Dec. 11, 2007